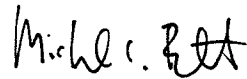


Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month up to and including January 3, 2007, in which to respond to the present Office Action. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the small entity fee for a one-month extension of time, and any other fees that may be required in connection with the filing of this document, from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/LABN:004US/MCB.

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